



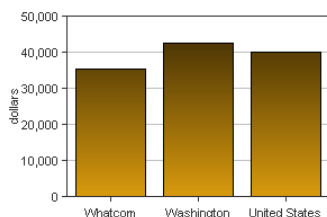
Whatcom, Washington

Whatcom is one of 39 [counties](#) in Washington. It is part of the [Bellingham, WA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2008 population of 196,960 ranked 9th in the state.

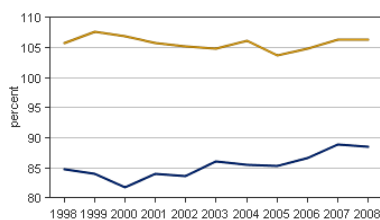
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2008 Whatcom had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$35,592. This PCPI ranked 13th in the state and was 83 percent of the state average, \$42,747, and 89 percent of the national average, \$40,166. The 2008 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.7 percent from 2007. The 2007-2008 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 2.0 percent. In 1998 the PCPI of Whatcom was \$23,086 and ranked 17th in the state. The 1998-2008 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

Per Capita Personal Income, 2008



Per Capita Income as a Percent of the United States, 2008



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TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

	2007-08 percent change	1998-2008 AAGR
Whatcom	3.9 %	6.6 %
Washington	3.6 %	5.4 %
U.S.	2.9 %	5.0 %

AAGR: average annual growth rate

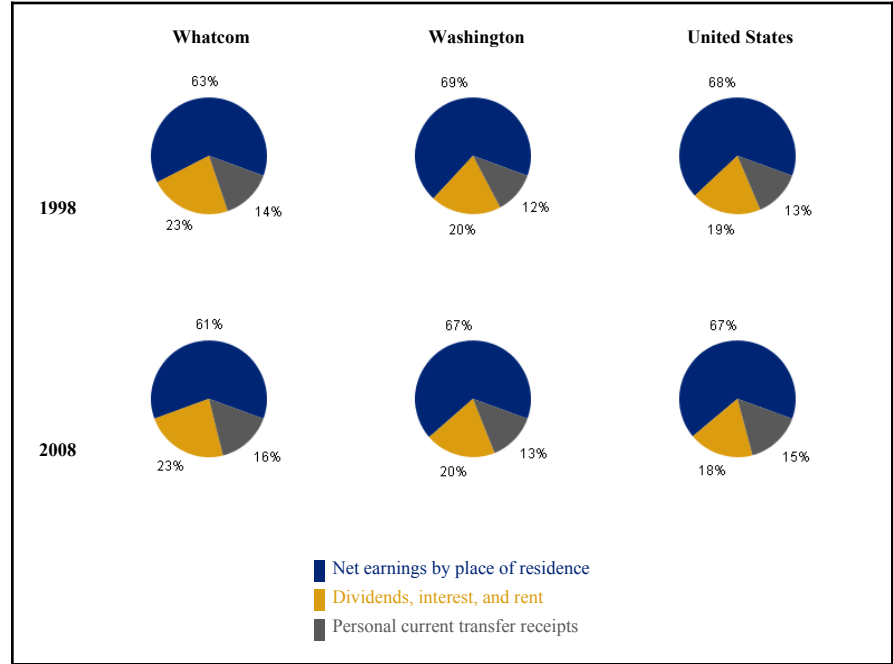
In 2008 Whatcom had a total personal income (TPI) of \$7,010,166*. This TPI ranked 9th in the state and accounted for 2.5 percent of the state total. In 1998 the TPI of Whatcom was \$3,716,627* and ranked 9th in the state.

*Note: Total personal income estimates are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Whatcom.

Percent Contribution to Total Personal Income



2007-2008 percent change			
	Whatcom	Washington	U.S.
Net earnings	3.1 %	3.0 %	2.0 %
Dividends, interest, and rent	2.3 %	1.9 %	1.3 %
Personal current transfer receipts	9.6 %	9.2 %	9.2 %

1998-2008 average annual growth rate			
	Whatcom	Washington	U.S.
Net earnings	6.2 %	5.1 %	4.8 %
Dividends, interest, and rent	6.8 %	5.5 %	4.2 %
Personal current transfer receipts	7.6 %	6.6 %	6.7 %